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TAGS: PFOR, PK, AF

SUBJECT: GOP STATEMENT ON AFGHANISTAN COUP

REF: KABUL 5210; STATE 140400

1. COMMENTING ON AFGHAN COUP, FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN TOLD PRESS EVENING JULY 17 THAT "WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO COMMENT TO MAKE EXCEPT THAT WE WANT GOOD RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN WILL MAKE EFFORTS TOWARDS THIS END". AS BEST HE KNEW, ALL PAKISTANIS IN AFGHANISTAN WERE SAFE, HE SAID.

2. COMMENT: AS SUGGESTED IN STATE REFTEL, WE WILL COUNSEL WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE IN DISCUSSING AFGHAN COUP WITH GOP OFFICIALS AS OPPORTUNITY ARISES. DESPITE OBVIOUS GOP MISGIVINGS ABOUT DAUD, APPEARS FROM INITIAL MFA COMMENT THAT PAKS ARE SENSIBLE ENOUGH TO SEE WISDOM OF THIS ATTITUDE THEMSELVES.

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(HW GARBLED PORTION PARA 1):

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